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October 25, 2001

Mr. John J. McGlennon, Chairman
James City County Board of Supervisors
2817 Mockingbird Lane
Williamsburg, VA 23185



Dear John:

Preserving our land, water and way of life goes beyond a collection of words. It provides the very framework within which the Williamsburg Land Conservancy (WLC) focuses on specific issues. By addressing and promoting our top projects, the Conservancy is an effective voice in our rapidly developing community. Among our top projects is the Greenways Master Plan.

Greenways signify a network of pedestrian and bicycle-friendly paths to service our entire community. In addition to providing open space for public access, alternative modes of transportation and recreation, a greenways master network in the Historic Triangle community will protect and enhance natural, historical and cultural resources. James City County's 1997 Comprehensive Plan highlights the importance of greenways as articulated in several strategies for the Parks and Recreation Element.

At our Annual Meeting on October 12, 2001, the WLC Board of Directors voted to encourage the Board of Supervisors to ensure public access to greenways corridors in all future development, specifically the U.S. Home applicant. The Board applauds James City County's conceptual greenways master plan and the special greenways committee. As a matter of fact, some of the WLC Board members serve on the committee. The WLC wants to work with the county to take these ideas from concept to reality and are willing to help wherever possible.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. Enclosed is a list of the 2002 Board of Directors. If you would like to discuss the WLC's position in greater detail, I would be pleased to arrange a meeting with the appropriate Board members.

Sincerely,

Caren R. Schumacher
Executive Director

Cc: Bruce C. Goodson-Vice Chairman
Ronald A. Nervitt
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WLC Board of Directors

Enclosure



A non-profit educational organization dedicated to the promotion of running, health, and fitness

12 November, 2001

Paul Tubach, Park & Greenway Planner
5249-C Olde Towne Road
Williamsburg, VA 23188

Dear Mr. Tubach:

On behalf of the nearly 1,000 members of the Colonial Road Runners, it is my pleasure to offer our endorsement of the process your committee has begun. Trails offer not only places to walk or run, they also enhance public health, connect people, and enhance the overall community value and quality of life.

Our club was founded in 1980 by Vernon Geary. Since then, our non-profit educational organization has grown to 600 families dedicated to the promotion of running, health, and fitness. Though Williamsburg has produced its share of collegiate and national champions, our club reaches out to the many who simply wish to improve their physical and mental well-being. We find our runs and walks on soft-surface trails to be the best means to enjoy ourselves, protect our bodies from impact with hard-surface roads and the vehicles that own them, and avoid the smog and other dangers associated with running along increasingly congested roads. We have in the past supported the Greensprings Trail as a model partnership between James City County and the Williamsburg Land Conservancy; a soft surface shoulder alongside a hard surface trail at Mid-County Park; and trails throughout New Town. I have personally been involved with trail design at New Town; and the club wishes to see many more soft surface trails throughout the community, while preserving as much green space as possible in order to maintain the community's unique character.

We look forward to the future, and hope to be a part of "adopt a trail" programs. We see ourselves investing not only in our health and enjoyment, but in the future of our community. The Colonial Road Runners, like the Williamsburg Land Conservancy, strives to work in partnership with local government. We applaud your efforts, and offer our assistance should you need our endorsement for trail grants.

Thank you for your commitment to our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "D. Shayo-Pickell".

Daniel A. Shayo-Pickell, D.C.
Vice President, Colonial Road Runners

Cc: Steering committee

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May 14, 2002

Hon. James Kennedy, Chairman
James City County Board of Supervisors
7681 Thatcher Drive
Williamsburg, VA 23168

Dear Mr. Kennedy,


On behalf of the Governmental Affairs Committee and the Board of Directors, we write to you today to express the support of the Williamsburg Area Association of REALTORS® for the County's Greenway Master Plan.

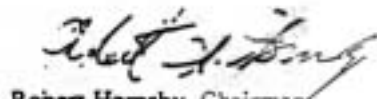
The 300-plus members of the Association do not only sell homes and properties in the County and surrounding areas; they also sell a desirable quality of life as well as an aesthetically pleasing community. We acknowledge that the Greenway Master Plan will enhance the quality of life that people in and moving to the Williamsburg area are seeking. Linking historic, cultural, natural, scenic and recreational sites is an additional plus to our residents that will be a positive public service; it also will be one more tool available to REALTORS® in selling our community.

We do wish to express, however, that the acquisition of property for the greenways be voluntary so as not to infringe upon the rights of private property owners. This is an important component to the overall success of the plan. In addition, we also hope that the development of the plan will be a plus to property values in the area.

Again, the Association is pleased to offer its support of the Greenway Master Plan. We look forward to its completion and to working with you and the County in order to ensure its success.

Sincerely,


Thomas Cauley
President


Robert Hornsby, Chairman
Governmental Affairs Committee

cc: ✓ Sandy Wanner, County Administrator
Board of Supervisors



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